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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF NICARAGUA: AFTERMATH OF THE WAR AND NATURAL DISASTERS

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/15 of 20 November 1990, 46/109 A and B of 17 December 1991, 47/118 of 18 December 1992, 48/161 of 20 December 1993 and 49/137 of 19 December 1994, concerning the situation in Central America,

Recalling also its resolutions 47/169 of 22 December 1992, 48/8 of 22 October 1993 and 49/16 of 17 November 1994, concerning the item entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters", in which it requested the international community to continue providing support to Nicaragua, taking into account the exceptional circumstances faced by that country, and requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Nicaraguan authorities, to provide the assistance necessary in the process of consolidation of peace,

Deeply concerned at the fact that the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Nicaragua, the burden of the foreign debt, despite its reduction and renegotiation achieved with the collaboration of the international community, and the harmful effects on its economy of the prolonged periods of drought followed by excessive rain and floods that have afflicted the Central American region impede the efforts being made by Nicaragua to overcome the consequences of war within the framework of a democracy and under the macroeconomic conditions already achieved,

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Deeply concerned at the serious effects of the volcanic eruption of Cerro Negro in Nicaragua, which has created a social and ecological emergency in the affected areas, as well as the urgent requirement for humanitarian assistance and the need to restore the normal conditions of the population,

Taking into account the central role of all parties in Nicaragua, in particular the Government and the Nicaraguan people, in seeking lasting solutions to consolidate the achievements of their transition,

Expressing its appreciation for the work of the Support Group for Nicaragua, which, under the coordination of the Secretary-General, is playing an active role in supporting that country's efforts towards economic recovery and social development,

Recognizing the efforts of the international community and the Government of Nicaragua to provide relief to the persons affected by the aftermath of the war and natural disasters,

Recognizing also the intensive efforts by the Government of Nicaragua to promote a sustained economic recovery and the considerable progress made in securing a broad social consensus by means of a process of national dialogue for the adoption of measures to lay the foundations for reconstruction and economic and social development, through a comprehensive transition process that will be further consolidated through the holding of free and democratic elections, which will take place at the end of 1996,

Taking into account the commitments adopted by the Central American Presidents at the Central American Environment Summit for Sustainable Development, through the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America, 1/and in this context the special attention required by Nicaragua because of its exceptional situation, in order that these important commitments may begin to be implemented,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the measures adopted pursuant to resolution 49/16, 2/

1. Commends the efforts made by the international community, including the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to supplement the action undertaken by the Government of Nicaragua and other relevant parties in the task of rehabilitation and national reconstruction, as well as in providing emergency assistance;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to support the efforts of the Government of Nicaragua in the affected areas, and invites Member States, organizations, specialized agencies and programmes of the United

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1/ See A/49/580-S/1994/1217, annex I; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1994, document S/1994/1217.

2/ A/50/535.

Nations, to continue to provide assistance and to respond generously while the emergency situation persists;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for the submission of the report on the measures adopted pursuant to resolution 49/16; 2/

4. Encourages the Government of Nicaragua to continue its efforts for reconstruction and national reconciliation, in particular those related to poverty alleviation, economic and social development and the solution of property problems, with a view to the consolidation of a stable democracy;

5. Requests all Member States, the international funding agencies and regional, intraregional and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide, in a broad and flexible form, support to Nicaragua at the required levels, giving particular attention to the exceptional circumstances of Nicaragua, as well as to stimulate a greater effort in the process of reconstruction, social investment, stabilization and development;

6. Calls, taking into account the explicit request of the Government of Nicaragua, upon all Member States, the international funding agencies, regional and intraregional organizations and in particular the Secretary-General to provide the technical cooperation and assistance needed in support of the electoral process in Nicaragua in 1996;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and in close cooperation with the Nicaraguan authorities, to continue to provide all necessary assistance to activities for the reconstruction, stabilization and development of that country and to continue to ensure the timely, comprehensive, flexible and effective formulation and coordination of programmes of the United Nations system in Nicaragua, given the importance of those activities for the consolidation of peace, democracy and sustainable development;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide Nicaragua, at the request of its Government, with all possible assistance to support the consolidation of peace, democracy and sustainable development in areas such as caring for displaced persons, land ownership and land tenure in rural areas, appropriate care for the war disabled persons, mine clearance and the overcoming of difficulties in the restoration of the productive areas of the country, and, in general, a process of sustained economic and social recovery and development so that the peace and democracy already achieved become irreversible;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the action taken to implement the present resolution;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters", and thereafter to consider this issue under the item entitled "Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions", on a biennial basis.